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SUBJECT: ILO: PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE

1. NORWEDIGNAN MISSION RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS SEPT 1 TO BEGIN CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY FOR HAREIDE'S CANDIDACY TO CHAIR ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE. NORWEGIAN MISOFF DID NOT KNOW WHAT INTENTIONS OSLO HAD ABOUT BEING ACTIVE IN ASIAN CAPITALS, BUT HE PLANS TO CONSULT WITH THE JAPANESE MISSION SEPT 2. HE TOOK OUR POINT THAT EARLY CONTACT WITH THE ASIAN GROUP CHAIRMAN (THAILAND) AND THE SRI LANKA MISSION WOULD BE PRUDENT.

2. THE EC-9 POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT AGREED UPON AUGUST 11 (GENEVA 6530), NAMELY, TO HOLD OFF ENDORSEMENT OF HAREIDE UNTIL CERTAIN THAT A PROSPECTIVE WINNER WILL NOT APPEAR FROM AMONG AFRICANS OR OTHER THRID WORLD COUNTRIES.

3. NORWEGIANS HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY WHAT APPEARS TO
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BE THE AMBIGUOUS POSTURE OF THE USSR TOWARD THE

POLISH CANDIDACY, LEADING THEM TO TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

(A) USSR MAY BE LESS THAN PLEASED WITH POLISH INITIATIVE
TO PRESS FOR AN EASTERN EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN NOW, AND

(B) POLAND MAY IN FACT BE CAMPAIGNING WITH THE PURPOSE
OF PERPARING THE WAY FOR THE ELECTION OF A POLISH

VICE PRESIDENT. (SEE GENEVA 6731 PARA 3.). CATTO

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